particularly those who are in direct contact with the passengers; (iii) Inflight initiatives; (iv) Service upgrades on ground; (v) Improvement in Cabin ambience and dedicated Cabin cleaning; (vi) Joint frequent flyer programme of AI/IA in order to give a wider network to consumers; and (vii) Introduction of attractive packages to make travel affordable.

Restructuring of DGCA

2823. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for restructuring Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) under his Ministry on the lines of TRAI of Telecommunication Department;

(b) if not, when it is expected to be restructured; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Civil Aviation has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M.K. Kaw, Former Secretary (Civil Aviation) on 8th August, 2005 to review the role, functions and organizational structure of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and to advise on the requirement if any, to ensure the structure, operations and functions of DGCA are in line with national requirements as well as international standards envisaged in Chicago Convention of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Authority to regulate private airlines

2824. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private scheduled airlines harass passengers by sudden cancellation of flights or delay in starting of flights without any valid reason;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against such airlines;

(d) whether it is proposed to constitute an authority to regulate all airlines;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No such specific complaint has been received in recent past.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The airlines are already operating in highly competitive market. It is the Government's view that the market forces should be allowed full play for better passenger amenities at competitive prices. Further, passengers can approach existing consumer courts for any deficiency in service.

Revival of Cooch Behar Airport

2825. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the aerodrome in Cooch Behar (West Bengal) lies deserted even though it could have served a large number of people of the region;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to revive it; and

(c) whether there is any proposal or plan to resume air service from the aerodrome and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The airport at Cooch Behar is not operational for more than a decade due to unwillingness of any airline to operate regular services to Cooch Behar. However, since some of the airlines have evinced interest to extend their services through Cooch Behar, development work for strengthening and extension of runway has already been awarded and is likely to be completed by March,